

Medications and Allergy Aware Policy

Golden Grove Kindergarten is an allergy aware centre. We are responsive to children's allergies and conduct the appropriate risk management procedures. Signs identifying the allergies (not the child) are displayed. **We are currently a nut and egg free zone.**

Please see Healthy food supply and Nutrition Policy for related information about allergy management.

Golden Grove Kindergarten Educators are trained in the administration of Asthma First Aid and Epipens prescribed for children with Anaphylactic conditions.

Families are required to supply a Health Care Plan if their child has asthma (Asthma Plan), allergies (Anaphylaxis plan) or any medical conditions, filled in by their doctor before their child begins kindergarten. Medication and instructions need to be kept at the kindergarten.

Medicines are stored up high in the kitchen, in a basket labelled with the child's name. No medication is to be kept in your child's kindy bag. Medical Care Plans are stored in a folder on the range hood (next to medication baskets) and with the child's enrolment form. Medical plans (inc anaphylaxis) are displayed on notice board in the kitchen.

Staff are unable to administer medication unless prescribed by a doctor.

Golden Grove Kindergarten Educators would **PREFER NOT** to administer other medications

- Educators are not trained in the administration of other medications
- Children who are prescribed antibiotics are often very unwell and require rest and recuperation at home
- Children who are prescribed antibiotics may be carrying a contagious illness. As a part of our Infectious Diseases Policy, we are working to reduce the spread of infection through a range of measures
- 3 daily dose antibiotics can be administered in the morning, after kindy (3pm) and at bedtime
- In a busy kindergarten, administration of medications can be overlooked. Or medications can be left in the kindergarten fridge and not taken home for the required night time dose.

In the case that there is no other strategy by which the child could be administered the medication, Educators will:

- ensure the parent has signed the administration of medication form
- Follow written advice from the child's Doctor
- Use the administration of medication form
- Wear gloves to protect themselves from contagious illness'

If your child is unwell or has an illness which maybe infectious, please keep them at home and advise the kindergarten. Please ensure that your emergency contact information is up to date as staff will use these contact numbers if your child becomes unwell while at kindergarten.